

"BUYING RECOGNITION,"

Some Caustic Remarks About Race Renegades Who See No Good in Negro Enterprises—Preaching a Wholesome Doctrine.

To the Editor of The Colored American—I beg a small space in your valuable paper to point out to our colored citizens of the District of Columbia and elsewhere, a very few important and grave mistakes made by them. And I believe if the colored pulpits and colored papers could be prevailed upon to speak of these evils, monthly if not weekly, there could be much improvement made along these lines within a few years, and if these principles which I shall point out, could be put into practice, would, I believe, bring about great



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results to both races in America—more especially to the colored race.

The mistakes referred to are as follows: Take the case of selecting an undertaker to bury the dead. We find that the line is here strictly drawn by the white race on this subject all over the United States. There is no white family of any prominence anywhere in the United States that would be disgraced by allowing a colored undertaker to come into their homes and handle and bury their dead. And, although this strict line has been drawn by the whites, saying in many words to the colored, "Stand back, we do not want anything to do with you Negroes socially," yet we find nearly every colored family has been blessed by the hand of Providence and has gotten together a few thousand dollars in bricks and mortar—we find them, as they call it, honoring their families by intruding on the white undertaker by compelling him to take their money and come into their homes and handle and bury their dead, although the white man tells him that he does not want anything to do with him socially. Well, this puts me more in mind of the monkey than anything else that I know of, for the monkey's master beats and kicks him around, the more the monkey grins and loves his master. It is found that this form of forcing social equality on the whites against their wishes, is done by what is known in the colored race as the "upper tens," and if you will ask them why they do these things, they draw a long breath and say, "Oh well, you know that the colored undertaker is not up to date; he cannot give you as good a job as the white man can." And they go on to say that the white man can better afford to wait on them; if they have not the money, they can get four, five or six months to settle their bills, while the colored man cannot wait. These lame excuses are simply dodges. There are colored undertakers in the District of Columbia and elsewhere who can compete with any white undertaker in the country and this fact is well known. There are four or five that I mention; namely, Mr. James H. Winslow, James H. Dabney, Jesse Barnes, George Campbell and McKenzie Scott. If these men cannot give you reasonable time to pay funeral bills, then get some one that will. But this is not the case. The "upper tens" have not that race pride, that fidelity and patriotism which belong to all races and tribes on the globe.

Just to think of it! There is my daughter as highly educated as most of white girls and just as respectable as any white lady in the country, and yet while she lives, the white man would feel himself utterly disgraced to make a social call on her (and especially in the day time) and accompany her through the streets to the church. But, as soon as this daughter is dead, for the sake of dollars and cents, we find the white man coming into the colored home with a face on him as long as your arm, so to speak. This is what may be termed the forcing and buying of social equality on the part of the colored race and by hypocritical acceptance of the same on the part of the white race, so long as dollars and cents are in sight.

The same thing is practiced on colored merchants, colored banks, and all other business engaged in by colored men. Take the Capital Savings Bank on F street, which has been doing business for fifteen or eighteen years. There has never been anything like a failure and it pays as much interest as any other bank in the city; and yet there are thousands of colored citizens here who would not think of putting a dollar in that bank—including colored organizations. When you speak with them about this bank, they draw up their shoulders and say to me, "Well,

you know that the colored people cannot compete with the whites in banking business, and they fail in everything they undertake."

I have spoken to several members of an organization in this city, of which I am a member, and this society has over six hundred members; has been organized only one year, and is known as the Elder Men's Relief Association. It has nearly nine hundred dollars in hand, and this money is scattered around in different banks in the city and do you know that not one dollar of this money has ever been put in the Colored Savings Bank. I am told that the officers of this society, like a good many other colored societies in this city, have been several times snubbed by some of the white banks telling them that they did not want to be bothered with their little dabs of money and these banks are the ones that never pay any interest. But poor colored people are going around begging and trying to buy and pay for recognition where they are not wanted.

J. T. HARRIS, 1715 11th St. N. W., Formerly of Montgomery, Ala.

POLITICS IN NEW HAVEN.**An Appeal to Afro-American Voters to be up and Doing—Wedding Bells—Thanksgiving Day Exercises.**

New Haven, Conn., Special.—Colored voters of New Haven should be up and around now, and carefully watching the movements of all political cliques and be careful not to be bribed by any of them. There is something in store for the colored men of the ninth ward, if every colored voter will do his whole duty. It should be remembered by the colored voters of the ninth ward that there are certain movements being made by some of our republican friends that are worthy of attention. Some may say that there is time enough to talk about spring elections, but not so. If we expect to be represented in the fight, let every man begin to work now. There are many colored men here who do not vote at all. They claim they have no faith in the present political affairs, but it is time, that we, as citizens, should reason together, and remember that are a legal part of this commonwealth, and have a right to certain privileges. In order to improve conditions and win, we must work together for the good of all. To an extent we must agree with some who keep silent concerning politics, because it may be true in times past, that the race was not fairly considered at all times by the representatives, but the time has come when we can produce men that can stand the test, and has proved themselves to be broad minded race men. Now when we can produce such men as Councilman M. T. Rice, Ex-Councilman J. W. Stewart, Ex-Councilman Dr. I. N. Porter, and Hon. W. S. Miller and many others, who we believe have the interest of the race at heart, we certainly should support them. We cannot agree with any colored man that will not go to the polls on election day and vote. It is every man's duty to vote, and he cannot prove himself a loyal citizen unless he casts his ballot for the right.

There is another hindrance to our young colored men. For God's sake learn to go the polls and vote an honest ballot. Don't hang around and see who will pay the largest sum of money. A man that will sell his vote is simply a traitor and curse to humanity, and is simply fit like salt that has lost its savor to be cast out and trodden under the feet of men. These things should be roundly condemned from our pulpits. While we realize that our divines are not politicians, we do know that it takes an honest citizen to make a devout Christian and vice versa. Therefore it is the duty of the Christian minister to counsel whatsoever he knows will sustain the principles of a good citizenship. For good citizens we get good Christians and from these we get good churches. Colored voters must remember there is a political storm ahead, and be forearmed.

The union Thanksgiving services will be held Thanksgiving day at 11 a. m. at the Immanuel Baptist church. Rev. Nelson T. Baker, pastor of the Dixwell Avenue Congregational church will deliver the Thanksgiving sermon. Thanksgiving dinner and supper will be served at Bethel A. M. E. church at a reasonable price on Thanksgiving day. Rev. Israel Dericks the new pastor is laboring hard to pay off the old debt on the church. There will be a grand entertainment given at the Immanuel Baptist church, Tuesday evening November 25th for the benefit of the Sunday school. A grand program will be rendered under the direction Prof. John G. Deite.

Mrs. J. W. Smith and two children of No. 6 Winter street, left Monday the 20th inst. for Knoxville, Tenn. where she will reside permanently.

The D. G. M. Robert Johnson of Bridgeport visited Christian Star Lodge on Wednesday Nov. 15 and gave some sound advice, after which he was escorted to Ransom and Wright's dining rooms and a reception was tendered. Many addresses were delivered and all spent a pleasant time.

The New Haven Patriarch No. 17 will give a grand Thanksgiving reception at Harmonie Hall on Thanks-

giving evening. Admission 35 cents. The best talent in the city has been secured. All subscribers will please make it convenient to settle for papers on or before the first of each month.

Mr. Wm. L. Cato and Miss Bessie Brown were united by matrimonial cords on Tuesday evening the 14th instant at the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. Carrie A. Pyres, No. 34 Eaton street. The marriage ceremonies were performed by Rev. A. O. Powell, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist church, of which the happy couple are faithful members. Owing to the recent death of the bride's mother, the affair was very quiet, with only members of the family and a few friends present. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Colman, Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Powell, Mr. and Mrs. Elliot, Mesdames Carter, Pynes and Hatfield, Misses Cora Galloway, Elvora Pynes, Blanche Powell, Myrtle Thompson and Messrs. James Nelson and Richmond Swann.

Rev. Israel Dericks, S. T. D., pastor of Bethel A. M. E. church will preach at the Immanuel Baptist church Sunday morning.

A. LEE EPES.

[Correspondents should observe the rule to write upon one side of the paper only.—Ed.]

Our Bradford Budget.

Bradford, Penn., Special.—The feature of the evening at the Daniel Payne Council was a debate between Mr. John Collins and Miss Gertrude Curtis, "Resolution, That the United States is right in its treatment of the Philippines." The contest was exciting, and many points were given on both sides, but it was finally decided in favor of Miss Curtis, who was on the affirmative, the judges being Rev. H. Honesty, Albert Entry and Mrs. M. Maun. Preparations are being made for an entertainment to be given at the A. M. E. church, Wednesday, November 29. A good program will be rendered and all are invited to attend. Miss Alice Stives was over from Duke Center last week. Mr. Croser, of Cincinnati, was in the city Wednesday and Thursday. Rev. Bowser, of Olean, preached here on Thursday. Messrs. John Wright and James Mathews were up from Salamanca, Friday. Mr. John Logan arrived home from Binghamton last week. Mr. Harry Barnes, of Olean, was the guest of Miss Sisco, Sunday. Mr. Santee, Mrs. Patton and Mr. Portland are in the city from Rochester, N. Y. Messrs. Price, Migursin and Price, the Bradford trio have been engaged to appear at concert in Salamanca, Wednesday. The trio have also been secured for the entertainment at the A. M. E. church the 29th. Word has been received of the death of Mr. John Mathews, the only colored resident of Ridge way, Pa. Mr. Arthur Parker and Mr. L. B. Thompson leave tonight for Olean, to witness the boxing match between Sanches and Morris. Mr. Ed. Parker is up from Salamanca, N. Y.

NATIONAL COLORED TEACHERS' BUREAU**School-Room No Longer an Asylum for Failures—Demand for Expert Instructors—"No School, No Pay," a Fair Proposition**

The National Colored Teachers' Bureau, of this city, has just closed a year of extraordinary usefulness to the educational fraternity. Various gratifying factors have contributed to this result. In the first place, the public wants better teachers. The day of pedagogic demagoguery, when the teacher's chair was an asylum for those who had made a failure of everything else, is past. The immortal Lincoln's celebrated saying is rapidly finding fulfillment: "You can't fool all the people all the time." It is tardily being realized that it is as essential for a teacher to know his business as it is for the carpenter to know what to do with his tools. The universal demand is, "Can you recommend us a graduate of Yale, Harvard, Cornell, or some other representative institution?"

In the next place, there are thousands of capable teachers who have only a limited means of knowing where their services will receive the best recognition, to whom the aid of such an agency as this is a Godsend. Then too, the methods of this Bureau are such as must invite the confidence of the skeptical. There is no gouging, nothing save the cost of correspondence has been charged for registration. Here, after even that will be absolutely free, except cost of postage. It is to be understood, though, that positively no one will be registered except those who are fully competent to teach, or fully competent to learn to teach.

Another feature of the National Colored Teachers' Bureau that must commend it to the pedagogic fraternity, is that not a penny will be received from any teacher until 60 days after beginning to teach when a reasonable per cent. of the first year's salary will be expected for the Bureau's compensation.

Teachers of every branch study of will be needed, especially teachers of special work, such as cooking, sewing, music, typesetting, blacksmithing, carpentry, kindergarten, etc.

For full information, correspondence may be had with the Secretary, Dr. John G. Clayton, 459 C street N. W., by sending five two-cent stamps for reply.

TRAMP WHO KNEW.

The Result of the Engineer Giving a Man Employment.

"We were coming East with the fast express," said the engineer, "and my fireman got sick. I pitied the poor fellow, and told him to get up on my side and run the engine and I would keep up the fire. We did not want to fall behind time, but the train was a heavy one, and the engine, which was a big ten-wheeler, appeared to be working poorly, so that no matter how we tried to keep her hot she went back on us and before we got to F—we were fifteen minutes late. After leaving F—I went back to get things ready to take water at the next plug and found a grizzled bearded fellow stealing a ride on the blind baggage car. He looked at me as if anticipating an order to get off at the next stopping place, and I looked at him, perhaps savagely, and soon gave him the expected order.

"All right, pard," he said, in a good humored way, "I am only trying to get to P—and will leave you, but would be glad to do something to work my way."

"What can you do?" I asked.

"Well, sir," he answered, "I can fire that engine of yours, if you will give me a chance."

"We needed an extra fireman real badly just at that time, and I said to him: 'Get up, then, and let me see what you can do.'"

"The grizzled-bearded man came up, and the way he mounted the tank and balanced himself on the coal was swung down into the cab gave me some confidence in the fellow. He took up the scoop at once, opened the furnace door, and examined the fire critically. Then he began to break up coal and mix it with smaller particles, after which he threw in four or five shovelfuls, scattering it with a professional fling of the scoop. Then he closed the door with a bang, put the scoop in the proper place, examined the steam and water gauges, and took a seat behind the sick fireman. Before we had gone half a mile he was down again carefully feeding in coal. Before the next mile had been reeled off the engine was steaming nicely, and, although I was pushing her hard on a slight opposing grade, the steam kept around the 150 notch. Our tramp fireman watched the steam and smoke as it left the stack and kept his eye on the furnace fire, and we saw at once that we had picked up a professional. My fireman offered the stranger his dinner bucket, which had not been touched, and, after feeling the bottom of the part that contained coffee, he shook it a little and set it just where I would have put it for the same purpose, and then, while he waited for it to get warm, he carefully looked over his fire and put in some more coal.

"The old fireman and I were getting interested, and I think that the conductor must have noticed that we had struck a new gait, but he did not know the cause. I looked at the sick fireman and he looked at me and then we both gazed respectfully at the stranger, who was eating as though he had endured a long fast. I kept the throttle almost wide open, with the engine well hooked up to the high speed notch, and the way we went up that hill and down the next was a caution to the freight crews we passed along the way. When we reached the distant signal at the X sower I found it all right, and just then the new fireman, who was also on the alert, cried out: 'White block,' and came down to put in some more coal. The home signal happened to be on his side of the curve, and he knew his duty, and had the proper words in his mouth before I could see what kind of a light we were to get.

"Well we made the run for the remainder of the stretch of 120 miles dead easy, and gained seven minutes besides, and when we got to the tower near the depot we were right on the dot. It was something unusual for our train to get in on time, as it was a very heavy one, and on that particular night we had an extra car, and did not know that the Superintendent was on board until the next morning, when he complimented me on the splendid run I had made.

"In the meantime I had provided the stranger with enough cash to pay for his bed and breakfast, and asked him to come around and see me before he started for P—. Sure enough, he did come around and see me, he had washed up and got a clean shave, he looked like a different man. I questioned him about his previous career, and he talked like a gentleman, and showed me recommendations as fireman and engineer which had been written by the superintendents of some big roads. He explained that his last unfortunate move was voluntary, to get away from some swell-headed minor officials who had no use for a decent man unless he was lauding them eternally to the skies.

"I could not flatter such people," he said; "they deserved to be kicked; but I gave one of them an uppercut under the jaw, and took it for granted that it was best for me to hunt for a new job. I said I did this voluntarily, because I did not have to hit the chump, but hit him for the sake of some of the other men who had been his victims so long. But had luck befell me, I got sick, lost my money, and had to try to beat my way to P—, where I have friends."

"Would you accept a job firing now if I could get you one?" I asked.

"Yes," he answered, "I would be willing to do anything to get a little money."

"I had feared that my fireman would not be able to report for duty, and I went to the superintendent's office and asked him if he would permit me to recommend a fireman for that week."

"Certainly, sir," was the answer: "You are entitled to such a privilege after the good work you have been doing."

"Well, I took Edmunds' name (that was the tramp fireman's name) and he performed wonderful work with the scoop and I hated to let him go, but the superintendent heard of my windfall, and before a week Edmunds was running a freight engine, and now he is hauling the limited express, and one of the best runners on the road.

"I have picked up lots of tramps since then, but never found one of them worth the heat he obtained from the furnace fire, but whenever I see some poor fellow shivering on the bumper I think of Edmunds, who is now my best friend, and try to help the pilgrim along."—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

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On motion of the plaintiff, by Mr. R. S. Smith, her solicitor, it is ordered that the defendant, James S. Kinloch cause his appearance to be entered herein on or before the first rule day occurring forty days after this day; otherwise the cause will be proceeded with as in case of default.

The object of this suit is for absolute divorce upon the grounds of cruelty and desertion. A copy of this order shall be published once per week in The Washington Law Reporter and The Colored American, for three successive weeks from date hereof.

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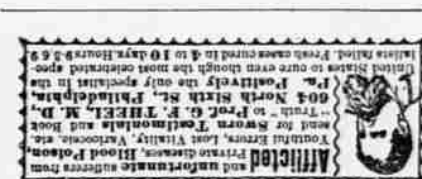
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